

BURLINGTON RESOURCES

SAN JUAN DIVISION

January 27, 2003

Gregg A. Cooke, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
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RE: Preliminary Site Assessment petition by Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund
on behalf of (b) (6)

Dear Mr. Cooke:

I am the General Manager of Compliance for the San Juan Division of Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP ("Burlington") located in Farmington, New Mexico. We are in receipt of the January 6, 2003 letter sent to you by Jay Tutchton of the Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund on behalf of (b) (6), a resident of San Juan County, New Mexico. The January 6 letter addresses (b) (6) allegations concerning four (4) locations in San Juan County and requests that a CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9605(d) preliminary site assessment be conducted.

Please allow this letter to confirm Burlington's willingness and commitment to assist you, the Environmental Protection Agency and other governmental agencies in addressing the issues raised by (b) (6). I also write to clarify three matters of inaccurate information stated in Mr. Tutchton's letter.

First Clarification: The photograph identified as Exhibit B in Section II of the letter does not depict real property or personal property owned by Burlington. Burlington owns property located in the SE/4NE/4SE/4 of Section 1, T29N-R13W, San Juan County, New Mexico, with a street address of 4551 Hererra Road within the City of Farmington, New Mexico. However, the Exhibit B photograph depicting two tanks, with text stating "look under the tanks", depicts property located adjacent to and west of Burlington's property. Neither the tanks nor the real property depicted in the photograph are currently owned, or were ever owned, by Burlington.

Second Clarification: Section III of the letter references an "Old Blanco Refinery" stating that Burlington owned such property and sold it to Duke Energy. While Burlington has owned real property in the Bloomfield, NM area that was sold to Duke Energy, the real property depicted in Exhibit C and referenced by Mr. Tutchton is not part of that property previously owned and sold by Burlington and has never been owned by Burlington.

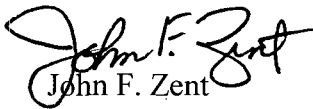
Third Clarification: The letter states that (b) (6) "received no reply" from Burlington after being informed of the claimed disposals. While we cannot address this statement as it applies to other companies, this statement is not true with respect to Burlington. Representatives of Burlington corresponded and had face-to-face meetings with (b) (6) in January, February

and March 2002 in an attempt to investigate and address her concerns. Unfortunately, (b) (6) (b) (6) was not willing to address and did not provide specific information with respect to her claims at those times and it now appears that Mr. Tutchton was not informed of Burlington's responses and efforts in this regard.

Burlington will respond to any inquiries you may have to investigate this matter pursuant to CERCLA requirements. Please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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